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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Takashi SHIMADA et al.

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Examiner: David Robertson

For: BUSINESS SUPPORT SYSTEM

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on October 16, 2002. A Petition for a one-month extension of time is hereby included, extending the due date to November 16, 2002.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please INSERT as the first paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1, with the following paragraph:

B1 - - This is a continuation of International Application PCT/JP99/02642, with an international filing date of May 20, 1999, published in English under PCT Article 21(2). - -

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please REPLACE claims 1-2 and ADD new claims 5-14 in accordance with the following:

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